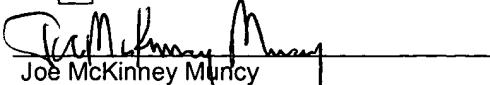




AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER					Docket No. 0941-0872P
Application No. 10/724,201-Conf. #8748	Filing Date December 1, 2003			Examiner T. S. Pham	Art Unit 2813
Applicant(s): Chi-Wen LIU et al.					
Invention: METHOD OF REDUCING THE PATTERN EFFECT IN THE CMP PROCESS					
MS RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450					
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.					
The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.					
CLAIMS AS AMENDED					
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Other fee (please specify): Request for continued examination (RCE) (see 37 CFR 1.114)					790.00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT:					790.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Large Entity <input type="checkbox"/> Small Entity <input type="checkbox"/> No additional fee is required for this amendment. <input type="checkbox"/> Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$ _____. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$ 790.00 is enclosed. <input type="checkbox"/> Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge and credit Deposit Account No. 02-2448 as described below. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Credit any overpayment. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Charge any additional filing or application processing fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17.					
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